

LOGNOTE -- Acting Chief, Operations Group, 18 June 1984

1. (Wilson) I received a phone call from Abidjan Bureau Chief [] this morning concerning the delay in implementation of the latest changes in the FBN wagescale. [] was particularly concerned with the impact on morale and wanted to know how soon the bureau could expect the issue to be resolved and when bureau FBN employees could expect to receive their pay increases which their Embassy counterparts have been enjoying for several months. I explained some of the difficulties we were running up against with the Office of General Counsel regarding how the so-called bonus was to be administered and OGC's initial reluctance to allow us to have RAMC Paris compute and disburse the pay increase as if the new payscale was effective 11 December 1984. I said we would keep the bureau informed of the outcome of the [] meeting scheduled for today, but warned that implementation may be further delayed until PMCD and OGC reach agreement.

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On another subject, [] wanted me to advise Admin Staff that messages related to FBN pay administration should be limited to classified channels and not sent as admins. The latest request via admin message for a copy of the mass personnel action converting employees to the FBN system has aroused concern since the employees had mistakenly thought it pertained to the current delay in implementing the latest pay increases. I subsequently notified P&TB of this, suggesting that all future messages regarding pay administration be sent as classified messages until the Abidjan situation was resolved.

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